

Official Diary

Wednesday, 28 January 1953

1. At the Deputies' meeting it was announced that the Rockefeller Committee would be briefed at 10:00 AM on Sunday.

2. At the Deputies' meeting, mentioned that no rioting had occurred in Egypt during celebration of Liberation Day.

3. After reading Mr. Amory's report on the NSC Senior Staff meeting respecting NSC 141, mentioned to [REDACTED] that we should undertake a revision of our priorities on estimates. 25X1A9a

4. Was notified that the NSC meeting and briefing was postponed to 11:00 AM Thursday. Delivered briefing to [REDACTED] at 2:30 PM. 25X1A9a

5. [REDACTED] of FE/FI phoned respecting the survey to be made by Mr. Yager of State respecting overt collection [REDACTED] I told Smith 25X1A6a that Park Armstrong had informed me that he was planning to have such a survey made and that I felt that it would not impinge upon CIA activities and responsibilities. I would leave it to FI to determine whether or not they 25X1A6a wish to have their [REDACTED] talk with Yager. It seemed to me, however, that this would be advisable so as to delimit respective authorities. I also informed Smith that I had made it plain to Armstrong that our agreement to this activity on the part of State was subject to a clear delimitation of respective authorities.

6. Reviewed and passed to Mr. Dulles a statement respecting Russian possession of the atom bomb, as prepared by [REDACTED] of OSI. 25X1A9a

7. Spoke to the Director as to whether or not he desired the delivery of CIA publications at State and he indicated that this would be unnecessary. Accordingly, cancelled the arrangements that had been made.

8. Spoke to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and requested him to make arrangements for the trip of the group reviewing the "B" project to Columbus.

9. Spoke to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and requested permission for Mr. Amory to use the DD/P room in Admin Building at such times as [REDACTED] was not here. He 25X1A9a consented.

10. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a phoned and indicated that he had a very excellent series of reports on South America. These reports had been processed by the Reports people, but he felt that my own offices might want to check over the original data. I asked him to send them to my office, which he did, and they were thereafter passed on to OCI.

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11. Chatted briefly by phone with ^{25X1A9a} [REDACTED] and assured him that I was pressing forward with the recommendation on [REDACTED]

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12. ^{25X1A9a} [REDACTED] spoke to me and pointed out that many of the new arrivals in Washington would be likely to be confused by the extensive use of initials in intelligence reports. This is one aspect of the general problem of making our intelligence reports understandable to people who have not been long in Washington. I shall have to raise this at the next IAD's meeting.

*Added to
1A) agenda
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13. Chatted with ^{25X1A9a} [REDACTED] on the following:

^{25X1A9a} a. I briefed him on the background of my discussion with ^{25X1A9a} [REDACTED] on the "B" project.

b. We discussed briefly the TO problem in Germany and I expressed the view that, insofar as scientific division was concerned, we would probably be able to keep the unit at an adequate strength.

^{25X1A9a} c. I outlined for [REDACTED] the basis of my discussions on the title of the Atomic Energy Report.

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